Delay in Establishment of premier Institutes

†592. SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that two premier institutes of science education announced in March, 2005 are at least three years away and eight months after it was decided to have a new Indian Institute of Management (IIM) in Shillong, the project of which is yet to be cleared by the Finance Ministry, and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the action proposed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALIASHRAF FATMI): (a) and (b) In the matter of setting up of Institutes, it is felt that there cannot be any similarities in duration of period required to establish them and thus no parallels with respect of time-frame can be drawn in the cases of setting up of Indian Institute of Science for Education & Research (USER) and the Indian Institute of Management (IIM). Steps are being taken to obtain necessary approval for setting up of IIM at Shillong.

Recommendations of Moiley Committee

593. SHRI MANOHAR JOSHI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Moiley Committee on OBC reservation in educational institutions has made its recommendations;

(b) if so, what are its recommendations *vis-a-vis* its terms of reference;

(c) whether Government will lay the Moiley Committee report in the House for discussion; and

(d) what is the current status about the implementation of OBC reservation in educational institutions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) to (c) The Oversight Committee has been given time upto 31st August, 2006 to submit its report.

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(d) The Constitution (93rd Amendment) Act, 2005 which has already come in to force w.e.f. the 20th January, 2006 enables appropriate laws to be made for the advancement of the weaker sections in matters of admission to all education institutions, except minority institutions.

A draft legislation in pursuance of the above Amendment is under preparation and is expected to be ready for introduction during the current session of Parliament.

Bill for regulation of foreign education providers

594. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Bill aiming at regulating foreign education providers is likely to be introduced for enactment soon;

(b) whether the provisions of the proposed Bill will conform to the national treatment principle in terms of fixing fees, admission policies including reservation for SC/ST/OBCs and if so, whether these are compatible with WTO charter; and

(c) whether the proposed Bill is aimed at arresting drain on the nation's forex reserves spent on overseas education and if so, whether the foreign universities operating in India will be barred from repatriating their earnings?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE-DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) to (c) There is a proposal for a Central legislation to regulate the entry and operations, as well as to prevent commercialization of higher education, by foreign education institutions. There is no decision as to the likely provisions of the proposed Bill.

Ban on private tuitions by school teachers

595. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether to break the nexus between the private coaching institutions and the regular teachers in schools, Government propose to prohibit school teachers from taking private tuitions;

(b) whether the Model Right to Education Bill, 2006 is likely to be introduced in Parliament during the Monsoon Session-2006 to this effect; and